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## LOSS OF MOTION PICTURES A SERIOUS BLOW TO FIGHT GAME

New Laws Practically Put Stop to Taking Pictures of Fights and Golden Harvest of the Past Will Not Be Reaped Again—Profits Have Fallen Off Late

An act of Congress by which the transportation of moving pictures of fights from one State to another, or from any one of the States to a foreign country, has knocked one of the props from the fight game, which seems to be taking all sorts of punishment in this age. Just how far this new Federal lawmaking will go toward hurting the game financially is more or less of a problem. To a certain extent it will cut into the receipts of the top-notch boxers—but at the same time there is no question that the moving-picture game, so far as fights are concerned, is not what it used to be.

James Coffroth, the San Francisco promoter, says, for example, that the question of taking pictures makes very little difference with him when it comes to signing men for a bout. The promoter, however, is speaking comparatively when he makes this statement; but where there were thousands in profits at one time there are hundreds today, and even a champion is not overlooking the hundreds that will swell the total he makes in a fight encounter.

While the provisions of the proposed legislation have not been fully announced, men chiefly concerned are inclined to admit that when the government puts down its foot there will be a halt. Moving-picture films might be smuggled out of the country, but, even so, there would be a risk. So far as taking them from one State to another, it would be out of the question, for their exhibition in any but the States in which the fight took place would be prima facie evidence that the law had been violated.

There is a preliminary expense in securing the negative of the fight, usually amounting to \$1500, and as State rights today do not sell for more than \$2500 at the most, it is quite plain to understand that the value of such pictures will be practically stopped. With such pictures more or less a gamble, always depending upon the outcome of the match, there will be few promoters and fewer fighters inclined to take that chance.

It is a most effective way of shutting off such reproductions of bouts, for while it does not interfere in any way with the taking of such pictures, it does hit the pocketbook, and that is where it commences to count.

So, it can be said that the day of the picture game is over for the boxers, and people must take their information first hand, or be satisfied with what they can read.

Speaking from the fight standpoint, the moving-picture game can be divided into two stages.

One of them, for the sake of convenience, can be called the ancient era. The other, naturally, the modern era.

In a way, such a division is misleading, since it is only fifteen years ago that the first reproductions were made. Pictures were taken of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill at Carson in 1897, and, for those days, quite a sum was realized. Two years later pictures were taken of the Sharkey-Jeffries combat at Coney Island, but for some reason the venture was not a success and the idea was dropped by promoters.

The Modern Era.

Six years later the modern age of the picture game as related to pugilism came into existence. Pictures were taken of the bout at Colma between Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson, and they probably mark the high water mark for receipts, so far as actual money spent by the public is concerned. The receipts for these pictures came to something like \$150,000, and as the promoter and two principals were equally interested it can readily be understood that the picture game meant more to them than the actual fight itself. The only fight to compare with Britt and Nelson was the Jeffries-Johnson bout at Reno—the one that in reality caused the legislation in various cities and the recent shutting off of transportation from State to State.

From the standpoint of the fighters, there was never more money paid for this privilege, and as the men who secured the right say they more than broke even, it is safe to say the public spent a world of money to watch the films.

It was competition among the moving picture people that put up the price. Jeffries received \$66,666 for his one-third interest; Johnson took \$50,000 for his third, and Jack Gleason sold his one-sixth for \$33,333. That made practically \$150,000 paid for five-sixths of the pictures, Tex Rickard, the other promoter, retaining his share.

The fighters were given a purse of \$101,000 there is no need of pointing out to what a point that one angle of the game had reached.

Agitation came about chiefly because a colored man won the championship and also because of the prominence the match attained. A storm of disapproval caused many cities to enact ordinances that prohibited absolutely the display of moving pictures of fights, and that in no small way decreased the revenues.

Reno Fight Responsible.

There is no question but that this same agitation has been responsible for the recent work of the Congressmen. The report that Johnson was to fight Jim Flynn in New Mexico was the signal for the introduction of the bill, and it apparently met with no opposition.

Save for that one isolated case, there has been no "big" money for promoters and fighters during recent years.

The second Gans and Nelson fight pictures returned a profit of about \$20,000, while the Ketchel and Johnson pictures enriched their owners to the extent of \$40,000.

The last pictures taken in San Francisco were of Moran and Wolgast. The profit is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$9000—no great amount when all things are considered.

In spite of the sensational ending of the Wolgast-Rivers match, it is not probable that McCarey and Tom Jones between them made more than \$10,000, and without that finish there would have been no demand for the films.

Granting that the commercial value has fallen off, there is still an inducement to take photographic reproductions of the important mills of the champions. Unquestionably men like Wolgast and Johnson take that sort of thing into consideration when signing articles and accepting guarantees, and just as surely their profits will be cut down, for they are already demanding from the promoters as much and often more than they can afford to give.

## BOXERS WILL TRAVEL THE LONGER ROUTE

When George Ingle and Eddie Madison come together in the ring August 31, it will be in the longest bout carded here since the revival of the fight game. The boys have fixed it up to travel the 20-round route, and this move is sure to meet with favor from the fans. The suggestion that the mill be for twenty instead of fifteen rounds came from Ingle, and Madison, while not definitely committing himself, intimated to friends that this would be agreeable to him.

As a matter of fact, each man thinks he is better in a longer fight, both being sure of their condition.

Madison is going to lay off for a week and take a thorough rest. He will go to Waipahu, and on his return will get down to the training grind again. Ingle is already in splendid physical shape, but he will start boxing work about two weeks before the fight.

## TENNIS DOUBLES START NEXT MONDAY

The men's doubles of the Hawaiian lawn tennis championships will start Monday afternoon on the Boretania courts. This was decided by the committee this morning, when it was definitely learned that the tournament with Maui was postponed. Entries for the doubles will close at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, the list being now open at E. O. Hall & Son.

Already there are eight teams entered, including the best tennis talent in the islands. The postponement of the doubles until two weeks after the singles event has given the Ewa players an opportunity to compete, and at least two teams of plantation players will be on hand to try conclusions with the Honolulu and visiting experts. This will add considerable interest to the tournament, and is a pleasing result of the postponement.

All matches of the doubles will be three out of five sets. This will give considerably more tennis to each match, and should prove popular with the players.

The three star special of the coming tennis week will, it is hoped, be a match game between Atherton Richards, the new Hawaiian champion, and William Eklund, who recently won the Ewa tournament. Eklund has come along fast this season, and his plantation friends and admirers are very anxious to have him try conclusions with Richards in an exhibition match, as he was unable to enter the regular tournament. Richards is more than willing to face the Ewa lad across the net, and it only remains for Eklund to come forward and arrange a day and time for play.

In spite of the fact that Richards put out A. L. Castle in the finals of the championship with comparative ease, several good judges of tennis who have seen Eklund, play lately believe that the latter would have a good chance of defeating Richards. According to the critics Eklund has improved his game thirty per cent. since he won the Honolulu courts last season, having strengthened his overhead play especially.

MARQUARD ON PITCHING.

"Pitching is like making love; everybody does it differently," says Rube Marquard.

"Pitchers have their freak curves—there's the spit ball, fade-away and others—and they are all right, but the foundation of all good pitching lies in control and change of pace. A pitcher who hasn't these two things, especially the first, is no good, no matter how many queer jumps he can put on the ball.

"Change of pace is necessary because if you always pitch at the same rate batters soon learn to time the ball and hit it. A pitcher has to use fast ones and slow ones, and use the same motion with every ball or batters will be able to tell when the fast one is coming or when the slow one will be dished up."

J. R. Myers of Kilauea deserves much credit for the introduction to the country of the black bass. At the cost of much care and patience as well as money, he imported them from California a few months ago and placed them in one of the plantation reservoirs. Now the reservoir and the streams connected therewith are full of small fish. They are excellent eating and even better sport; altogether a most valuable acquisition.—Garden Island.

up Mister Burr-r-r-rs—and pull 'em down, and ye gets the hunner' and ten extra!"

## POLO TROPHY IS APPARENTLY SAFE

English Finding It Difficult to Get a Team Together to Meet the American Four

England's chances of bringing back the international polo cup, which Harry Payne Whitney and his team won for the United States three years ago, and which an English team failed to recapture a year ago, seem to grow slimmer as time flies by. For more than a year the Duke of Westminster, who took upon his shoulders the responsibility of bringing the cup to England once again, regardless of cost, has been working to get together a team that would be reasonably sure of giving the Americans a good fight, but even of the last few days have demonstrated that he has been unsuccessful. So poorly has his star combination performed that it is unlikely there will be an English challenge next year, as was confidently expected.

Financial Loss.

It probably will be remembered that the Hurlingham club, which sent over the English team last year, failed to meet expenses and was saved from a serious financial loss by the Duke of Westminster, who came forward and not only paid all the expenses, but undertook to supply the money for the next assault upon American polo supremacy. The Duke took over the fourteen ponies which were the property of the polo fund, and with them as nucleus started to collect the finest aggregation of polo horseflesh in the world. All his enormous income was placed at the disposal of such experts as the Miller Bros., the famous horse dealers, who some years before secured for Harry Payne Whitney some of his finest animals.

Mounts High Class.

The result has been that the duke is now the owner of almost 100 first class ponies, and so far as animals are concerned, is more than a match for his American rivals. It cannot be urged now as it was when the English team went down to defeat last year, that England is unfairly outclassed in horseflesh. The Duke's real troubles are in a different direction. Now that his horses are ready, his players are not. The Eaton team, composed of Cecil Nickalls, C. D. Miller (both of whom played against Foxhall Keene's American team which visited London in 1908), Capt. R. G. Ritson and Lord Rockingham, which it was proposed to send to the United States, has, despite its greatest advantage in ponies, met with some disastrous defeats recently. At the present moment it cannot be recognized, even by the Duke, that his team would stand small chance with the strong four that America could put in the field.

Not Strong Enough.

Besides being beaten by the old Cantabs, a strong combination under the captaincy of W. L. Euckmaster—the best polo player in England today, whom many regret to see absent from any English challenging team—the Eatons were severely trounced by a scratch organization of Englishmen from the Argentine club, who have thrown a bombshell into the English polo world this season by playing rings around the best local talent that could be pitted against them.

It is realized that there are few polo enthusiasts in England capable of shouldering the financial burdens incident upon an attempt to recapture the international cup. Therefore, while there is no end of criticism of the Duke and of the make-up of his team, there are no offers to relieve him of the burden. It is felt, however, that before Eaton finally decides to cross the Atlantic, they should prove their worth against the strongest team of English players that could be selected, mounted upon ponies of at least equal caliber.

## PROSPECTS GOOD FOR RACING MEET

It is now practically certain that sport lovers will have the chance to see some interesting racing in Honolulu on Labor Day, September 2. Final arrangements for the use of Kapapala park, and for fixing up the track there are now being discussed with the park commissioners, and prospects are bright for some first class sport.

## HARVEST HOME SPORTS ON MAUI ARE POSTPONED

Maui's Harvest Home celebration has been postponed on account of the steamship strike, and the local tennis players, swimmers and bowlers will go against the Puunene athletes on August 16 instead of tomorrow.

Word to this effect was received in a wireless message sent to John Waterhouse this morning by Frank Baldwin. It was in reply to one sent yesterday by Mr. Waterhouse, informing the Puunene men that on account of the strike the team matches would have to be canceled. Baldwin wired back asking if a postponement would be acceptable to the locals, and an answer in the affirmative will be sent.

This arrangement is generally satisfactory, as the celebration would fall flat without the feature of interisland competition, and the Maui men were more than willing to change the dates under the circumstances.

## BASEBALL SERIES FOR REGATTA WEEK

Prospects are bright for an inter-island baseball series between Kaula, Maui and Oahu, to be played in this city regatta week. Hawaii has not come to any agreement regarding the series to date, and it is by no means certain whether or not the Big Island players will come down here.

The present plan, which meets with the approval of the Maui and Kaula league teams, is that each of the islands send down a picked team, which would play one game against every team of the Oahu Senior League, and probably one Kaula team game. This makes eleven games for the series, or six double headers, provided an extra game of some kind is arranged to round out the schedule.

"It looks as though this scheme would go through all right," said Manager MacCallino of the Oahu League this morning. "Hilo stands out for three games on Kaula, three on Oahu, three on Maui and three at home, to be played between picked teams from each island, and while this would certainly make a pretty schedule, it would take too long to play off, and the local boys couldn't possibly spare the time."

Tomorrow at Athletic Park the league will play off the games which were postponed from last Sunday owing to the death of the Japanese Emperor. The Portuguese are scheduled to go against the Hawaiians in the first game, while the Stars and A. A. C. meet in the closer. The Asahis get a lay-off this week.

entries and attend to details, a well balanced yard should result. Dr. O'Rourke knows the meet should be handled, and he says that this offer will be according to rule and customs of the turf.

The afternoon's sport is to be built around two match races, which in themselves are thoroughly first class. Just the two would be worth while, but with four other races added, good racing should result.

The matches will bring together John O'Rourke's Billy Sonoma, and Luke Warren's Ononta at half a mile. This pair met in the Maui races last month, the latter winning. Sonoma, according to Dr. O'Rourke, was not in shape to run, and the coming match will settle the question of supremacy.

The other race will be over the five-eighths distance between W. Desoto's Major Collins, and Umqupa. This should be as good a race as the first.

There is talk of a race for polo ponies, to be made an annual event for a perpetual challenge cup, each club to be entitled to one entry.

## SAWED OFF SHORT

"Big Ed" Corrigan has said farewell to the racing game. For years he was a power among turfmen. Last winter Corrigan was flat broke. Today he is worth \$100,000, this sum having been left him by a brother who recently died in the west. The condition was that Corrigan quit the game. Corrigan has.

Pitcher Shippe of the East Liverpool team of the Ohio-Pennsylvania league, made a record of sixty-one strike-outs in four games. He fanned fifteen Alliance batters in one game.

## LAST INTER-CLUB POLO MATCH OF THE SEASON FOR TOMORROW

Cavalry and Oahu Seconds Will Meet at Leilehua in the Third Game of the Series—Game Ends the Season for the Oahu Players but Army Riders Will Probably Keep Up Practice Until Fall

The third and final game of the polo series between the Oahu and Cavalry seconds will be played at Leilehua tomorrow afternoon. While the last of three games, it will not be a deciding one, as the series has already been clinched by the army players, who took the first two matches.

In tomorrow's game the Cavalry will be represented by the same reliable combination, which is rapidly developing first team material. Hefferman, Millikin, Groninger and Baird make a mighty strong four, and they have the advantage of having played together in a number of matches now, and of knowing their own mounts and each other's play.

Oahu, on the other hand, will put still another combination in the game tomorrow. Bob Shingle will play No. 1, Walter Macfarlane 2, Arthur Jones 3, and Henry Damon back. Single and Macfarlane played the same positions Wednesday, while Jones played back to Harold Dillingham's 3. The latter will not play tomorrow, having already taken part in two matches, and this will be a serious loss, as he came to the front in grand style Wednesday. However, the interchange of Damon at back instead of Jones, would strengthen the defensive work of the team. Jones will have a much better opportunity to get

to be well paid for his work in the near future.

Rumor says that Ban Johnson is practically ready to give Umpire Westervelt of the American League his walking papers. The rumor is partly confirmed by the signing of Umpire Joseph O'Brien, it being said that O'Brien is slated for Westervelt's berth. Managers Callahan, Starnell and Davis are reported to have scoured on Westervelt.

## HOW THEY STAND

Those Washingtons are certainly playing some ball. Take a peep at the percentages and note that the Senators are slowly but surely crawling up on the Red Sox. There are now only six full games between the teams, and any week may bring Clark Griffith's crowd on even terms with the flying leaders, provided that the latter falter at all in their stride. The Athletics are a good third, but are not particularly dangerous at the present time.

Nothing to it but the Giants in the National, as per usual. The Cubs have forged ahead of the Pirates for the second place.

In the Coast League Vernon is dropping back to the Angels. In the Northwestern, Vancouver, Spokane and Seattle are still bunched, with the second division also trailing together.

(Percentages August 3)

NATIONAL LEAGUE.		
	W.	Pct.
New York	70	.745
Chicago	59	.634
Pittsburgh	46	.511
Cincinnati	45	.524
St. Louis	42	.562
Brooklyn	35	.615
Boston	25	.629

AMERICAN LEAGUE.		
	W.	Pct.
Boston	68	.671
Washington	62	.626
Philadelphia	55	.574
Chicago	50	.520
Detroit	50	.520
Cleveland	45	.524
New York	31	.630
St. Louis	30	.670

COAST LEAGUE.		
	W.	Pct.
Vernon	68	.596
Los Angeles	67	.596
Oakland	64	.557
Portland	47	.566
San Francisco	47	.612
Sacramento	43	.587

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.		
	W.	Pct.
Vancouver	60	.558
Spokane	59	.544
Seattle	59	.544
Portland	52	.558
Victoria	46	.610
Tacoma	46	.610

KANSAS CITY WATER.

Kansas City, Mo., draws upon the Missouri River for its water supply. It is not unlike chocolate in color when lifted from the "Big Muddy," but before it reaches the consumer it has been washed, bleached and sterilized, and is clear and pure. The water passes through six settling basins in the process and a chemical called hypochlorite is mixed with it to kill the harmful germs.

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## GIANTS SURE SAYS MATTY

Christy Mathewson says that the Giants have the National League pennant clinched. This is hardly news, as the percentage table has said the same thing for some time, but the views of McGraw's star flinger are always interesting, and carry considerable weight.

When the Giants were playing Chicago on their last Western trip Mathewson said:

"The race in the National League is distinctly a battle for second place. The Giants are so far ahead that the chances of either Pittsburgh or Chicago catching them appear to be slight. The team holds an almost unparalleled lead, with more than fifty games won and a clean margin of about fifteen games over the Cubs."

"There may still be an argument for first place. Stranger things than that have happened in baseball, but it can't come up for a month or so, anyway. I believe it has been figured out by the unerring experts that the Giants could lose every contest on the western trip and still return home in the lead. That is what I call a comfortable margin, but the Giants have no intention of losing every game on the trip or even approaching such a slump."

Andre Gobert, the wonderful French lawn tennis player, has one ambition. It is to win the singles championship at Wimbledon, which decides the English title, and the American championship at Newport. These competitions are played on grass courts, a surface not yet completely mastered by Frenchmen.

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